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## UNEMPLOYMENT DECISIVE IN RICHMOND

### Urban League Makes Survey of Economic Conditions Among Negroes of America

URBAN LEAGUE REPORTS ON EMPLOYMENT Shows Healthy Signs—Many Groups Interested

NEGRO WORKERS IN THE SOUTH STARVING

Developments in industry during January showed no marked improvements, but a number of incidents gave promise of better days ahead for Negro workers, according to the latest bulletin of the National Urban League's Industrial Relations Department, prepared over by T. Arnold Hill. Investigations in many quarters, new jobs of significant import, agitation respecting labor union affiliation, and committees actively campaigning to expand the occupational horizon of Negro workers are among the bright signs that appear during last month. There were losses, but the gains, though few in number, were significant. In some places a large number of colored depressing effect upon the entire Negro population; whereas in others efforts of committees and councils have revived hope and confidence.

In New York the Harlem Housewives League, formed by the New York Urban League, was organized with sub-committees on fair weights, prices, publicity and employment. The women are visiting stores asking that Negroes be employed, circulating petitions among housewives, calling upon Harlem merchants to give employment, and urging that patronage be given by Harlem housewives to stores of the Colored Mercantile Association. A large department store has installed colored elevator operators, an innovation which is likely to be repeated by other One Hundred and Twenty-fifth workers out of employment had a stores that will be concentrated upon in this drive for larger opportunity for Negro workers. Two chain food stores have installed colored managers, and another store has promised to give opportunities of an unusual character to women.

For far-reaching importance is the installation of colored clerks and messenger boys serving a branch office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, culminating years of labor on the part of many agencies in New York City.

In Chicago the National Negro Labor Conference, sponsored by the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, enlisted the support of national figures who exposed the essential differences between the two systems.

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### U. S. GIVES WAR MOTHERS DOSE OF AMERICANISM.

(Crusade News Service)

Washington, D. C., Feb.—Negro mothers of workers who lost their lives protecting Wall Street investments in the last imperialist world slaughter will not be permitted to travel with other "Gold Star" mothers in the pilgrimages arranged by the United States Government to the American cemeteries in France and Belgium. In line with its traditional policy of degrading Negroes and sowing contempt and hatred of the Negro race among the white mothers, the white ruling class will subject Negro "Gold Star" mothers to humiliation of segregation on these pilgrimages, which while arranged by the imperialists ostensibly for the purpose of giving the mothers of the victims of imperialist greed and exploitation the opportunity of visiting the graves of their sons, are actually for the purpose of stirring up Negro memories and nationalistic sentiments in preparation for the coming imperialist war.

The usual bunk about "equal accommodations" and "making the trip as comfortable as possible for all concerned" is being handed out by the War Department for the guidance of the treacherous Negro petty bourgeois leadership of Moton, Kelly Miller, DeBois, Fred Moore, Dr. Priest, George Harris and the newspapers of this group, such as the

Amsterdam News, the New York Age, the New York News, the Atlanta Independent, etc., and the Negro masses can prepare themselves for a barrage of reformist nonsense from these habitual apologists for imperialism, who consistently conceal from the workers that segregation, lynching, etc., are part of a definite policy on the part of the white ruling class to split and weaken the working class and are typical of "Americanism" and capitalist "democracy." These misleaders are beneficiaries of the system of imperialist oppression and are its apologists and defenders. The only Negro organization engaged in a real struggle against Negro oppression is the American Negro Labor Congress, which is holding its second national convention in St. Louis, Mo., in June, 1930. Its leadership of Negro workers is the only leadership willing and capable of leading the Negro masses in the fight for emancipation. Its organ, The Liberator, is the only Negro publication which dares to tell the truth to the Negro workers and agricultural farmers, and which, as a collective leader, organizes and leads them in daily struggles against white ruling class terrorism, against low wages and unemployment, etc. Join the A. N. L. C. Subscribe to The Liberator! These are the weapons against oppression!

SWISS BELL RINGERS

AT BAPTIST CHURCH

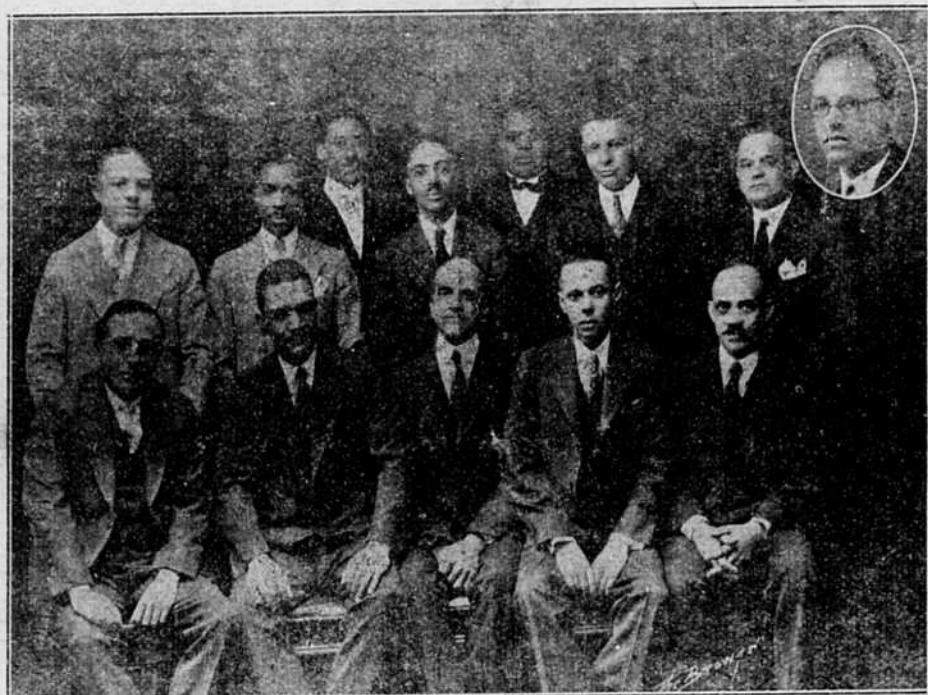
The public is invited to hear the

DR. DAVID FERGUSON HONORED BY COLLEAGUES

Richmond, Va. (CNS)—A notable gathering of dentists met here Saturday, February 22, to do honor to Dr. David A. Ferguson, in celebration of his 30th year in the practice of dentistry. In addition to local and State admirers, the gathering included representative delegations from Washington, D. C., North Carolina, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. The event was sponsored by The Peter B. Ramsey Dental Society of Richmond, with Dr. J. M. G. Ramsey of Richmond as chairman, and Dr. W. M. Logan

of Petersburg, secretary. Dr. Ferguson is recognized as the Dean of the Negro dental group and has served in many representative official positions in the various Negro dental organizations. He has been respectively, organizer of the Interstate Dental Association and its first president. A leader in the National Medical Association dental group and president of that organization; the first dentist to hold that position.

He has long been a leader of advanced dental thought and most active in organized dentistry. His influence is far reaching wherever a Negro dentist is located and he is well known and much admired by both the older and younger groups.



PETER B. RAMSEY DENTAL SOCIETY.

B. Y. P. U. COUNCIL WINTER MEETING

The winter meeting of the B. Y. P. U. Council of Richmond and vicinity was held at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, Randolph Street and Idlewood Avenue, Sunday, February 23rd, at 8 P. M.

The program was composed of music by the council chorus, "Why I Prefer the B. Y. P. U.", "Why I Prefer the Sunday School" by Messrs. R. P. Dancy, Isamu Jaylor and W. I. Hopkins. Installation address by Rev. C. H. Pearson, pastor of the church, who chiefly stressed the thought, "My task is to help produce Christian character," and if each one would help do this there would be no doubt that the year 1930 would be a banner year for the work of B. Y. P. U. in Richmond.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas, of 611 State Street, desire to express to the many friends, neighbors and organizations our great appreciation for the assistance rendered, for the expressions of sympathy and for the many floral contributions made during the sickness, death and burial of our devoted daughter, Bernice Wingfield.

The Religious Education Committee of the Phyllis Wheatley Branch, Y. M. C. A., is presenting Mr. Commodore Bennett, Violinist, in Recital, at the Vesper hour, Sunday, March 2nd, 5 P. M.

Mr. Bennett, a student at Virginia Union University, is well known in the city as a violinist of marked ability. Miss Florence Fields, pianist, and Mr. Joseph Ransome, tenor, will appear with Mr. Bennett in the following program:

- (a) Woodland Revels—Armstrong.
- (b) Peter Pan and the Pirate—Ewing.
- (c) Hide and Seek—Gray.
- (d) My Old Kentucky Home—Neimann.
- Commodore Bennett.
2. Solo—"Songs that My Mother Taught Me"—Bach.
- Joseph Ransome.
- (a) Allegro Precipitoso—Savino.
- (b) Chaconne—Durand.
- (c) Conspiracy—Savino.
- (d) Gypsy Dance—Wier.
- Commodore Bennett.
4. Solo—"Smiles"—Risher.
- Joseph Ransome.
5. (a) Roses of Picardy—Wood.
- (b) By the Waters of the Minnetonka—Léonard.
- (c) When Day is Done—Katscher.

### Police Say Jeter Fell Out Window

The police theory in the Emanuel Jeter case is that Jeter fell from the roof of a house on Pulliam Street while in a drunken condition. Jeter is known to them as a notorious bootlegger. He was found in an unconscious condition in front of the house last Friday evening, surrounded by broken whiskey bottles, and died last night in St. Philip's Hospital.

Wild rumors were to the effect that he had been thrown from the window and the bottles planted to allay suspicion. Others said he was running from the clean-up squad, but the facts in the case seem to bear out the theory that he fell because of an overloading of his "tummy" with white lightning.

RICHMOND MEDICAL SOCIETY INSTALLS OFFICERS

Dr. Zenobia G. Gilpin Was Elected President

On Friday evening the Richmond Medical Society held its annual installation exercises at the Woman's Club on East Clay Street.

Professor Rayford W. Logan, of Virginia Union University, installed the newly elected officers. Dr. Zenobia G. Gilpin, who received her B. S. and M. D. degree at Howard University, was installed president. Dr. Gilpin is the only woman physician in the State of Virginia. Others installed were: Dr. V. J. Harris, vice-president; Dr. H. Blackwell, Jr., secretary; Dr. C. Cooke, assistant secretary, and Dr. A. A. Tennant, journalist.

Dr. C. S. Lankin, president of the Old Dominion Medical Society, was present to represent that body. An address was delivered by Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, United States Health representative. Dr. Fred Brown was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Every detail is being worked out to make the baseball team of the Capital City Lodge of Elks here one of the best nines in the State. Last year they won the sum of forty games and lost sixteen, and this year they are trying to repeat by booking, and are anxious to make dates with other good ball clubs in all parts of the country for the coming season. For dates write to Captain Joe Miles, 1026 North Second Street, Richmond, Va.

### Miss Martha A. Chiles Wins Suit vs V. E. P. Co.

Awarded \$600 Damages for Injuries Received When Bus Crashed into Her Automobile.

POLICEMAN SHOTS 14-YEAR OLD COLORED GIRL WHO RESISTED ADVANCES

New York, Feb. 21.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has referred to Dr. George M. Lucas, President of its New Orleans branch, the case of Charles Guerdan, white police officer who shot and killed Hattie McCary, fourteen-year-old colored girl, after she had resisted his advances in a cafe. The account given of the affair in a local daily is as follows: "According to Corporal William Milton of the tenth precinct, and Assistant District Attorneys Michael E. Culligan and Albert B. Granzin, Guerdan, off duty and in civilian clothes, went to the restaurant of Matt A. Piscun at 3037 Tulane Avenue, where the Negro girl worked. "Guerdan is regularly assigned to track duty at Tulane Avenue and Salcedo streets, Corporal Milton said. "Going into the rear of the place, police allege that the patrolman made advances to the girl and an argument ensued. According to Assistant District Attorneys Culligan and Granzin, to whom Guerdan made a verbal statement, the girl reached for a knife threatening to kill him. "He is then alleged to have pulled his revolver and fired at the girl two shots taking effect. "An ambulance was summoned and the girl taken to the hospital. Corporal Milton arrived and placed Guerdan under arrest.

"Guerdan is said to have told Sergeant Joseph Cassard, special to the superintendent of police, that he had been drinking steadily Monday." The charge against the patrolman was made murder, after the death of the colored girl. The N. A. A. P. will follow the case closely with a view to punishment of the patrolman if the facts are found to be as stated.

Miss Martha A. Chiles was awarded damages in the sum of \$600 against the Virginia Electric and Power Company in the Circuit Court Thursday morning, February 27th. Miss Chiles, a pretty school teacher in the Richmond Public School, was injured November 21, 1928, while driving her car to Sydney School. The accident occurred at the intersection of Idlewood Avenue and Lombardy Street. Miss Chiles had slowed at the crossing and after seeing no vehicle approaching she started across Idlewood Avenue. When half way across one of the big Power Company busses crashed into her coupe and threw the car into a telegraph pole. With her at the time were Misses Gertrude Walbarrow and Guy Lucas, who proved star witnesses for the plaintiff.

Witnesses for Miss Chiles were Drs. I. A. Jackson and Fred D. Brown, who attended her; Oscar Cheatham, Alfred Delaney, Herman Martin, George M. Alvin and Dr. J. A. Chiles. Photos of the scene of the accident made by George O. Brown were among the exhibits. Attorneys James T. Carter and M. J. Fulton represented Miss Chiles and presented an airtight case, their arguments before the jury being devastating in their effects. Attorney Carter charged that the company's bus was traveling so fast that but for the fact that it struck a pole it would be going yet by momentum. Judge Julien Gunn presided in the case, which lasted part of two days.

Miss Martha A. Chiles is the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. John R. Chiles and a sister of Dr. James A. Chiles, a prominent dentist. Dr. Chiles' suit for damages to his car will come up on the 18th of March.

### MANY OFFICE WORKERS PLAY THE "CLEARING HOUSE" DAILY

The Planet's special investigator continues its search for the machinations of the "Clearing House Number" game, which was sweeping Richmond like wildfire. His investigations at present are confined to its reaction upon the upper classes of the race here. When the very best minds of our group fall for such a palpable money gamble, then something is radically wrong with us. Intellectually we are supposed to be "bullet proof" to card monte, the old pocketbook game, policy, etc. If not proof against such things, then why become intelligent.

One prominent member of the legal fraternity here informed us this week that he is now convinced of the justice in the Planet's position. He was convinced after reading the "dope" sheet now being sold to ignorant dupes at 10 cents per. The Planet does not wish to offend any individual and is sorry when anybody is hurt by its exposure of the devious workings of this game, but we have a duty to

perform and must go through. The Planet is not essaying the role of a moral reformer, it is not staging a general fight on the practice of gambling here, but we must warn at least against the danger that is apparent when our best minds are ensnared by such practice as this "mathematical daily dozen."

Our investigation this week shows that the habit has gotten a strong foothold among office workers here. It would be surprising to discover in just what business offices here among us that the "happy guessing" is going on in full swing. Some of our very best office workers, male and female, are busy each day, burning up valuable time in their companies and stockholders, indulging in the pipe dream that tomorrow they will catch enough of Uncle Sam's new bills to "build three more stately mansions." It is surprising to learn just how many "big fish" will bite when the odds are 600 to 1 that you win and 1,000,000 to 1 that you won't win.

GARVEY JAILED AGAIN IN JAMAICA

Kingston, Jamaica.—(C. N. S.)—Marcus Garvey, still a storm center in any community in which he finds himself, has just been sentenced to six months imprisonment for publishing a seditious libel against the government in his newspaper, "The Byack Man." He recently lost his seat in the Council Corporation of Kingston and St. Andrews while serving a jail sentence for contempt of court. Unopposed he was re-elected to that body, but again loses his freedom under the sentence of libel.

THIRTY-ONE HAYTIAN RIOTERS FREED

Port-Au-Prince, Hayti.—(C. N. S.)—Fines of \$2.60 have been assessed against eleven Haytians arrested by the Gendarmerie Nationale on February 12th at a mass meeting in memory of Haytians killed in a clash with United States Marines last December. The fines were committed by the government and the prisoners released. Twenty other Haytians arrested at the same time were released without disciplinary action.